



TOWN OF MANSFIELD

OFFICE OF THE YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU

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Youth Service Bureau Coordinator

YSB Advisory Minutes
June 9th, 2015
12:00 noon @ Mansfield Town Hall
Conf. Rm. B

Board Members

Present:

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair
Pat Schneider, Director of Human Services
Patricia Michalak, YSB Coordinator
Makayla Lamson, E.O Smith Student Representative
Eileen Griffin, LCSW
Kate Bohannon, YSB Social Worker
Larry Barlow, MMS Assistant Principal
Chuck Leavens, E O Smith Counselor

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 12:10 PM by Ethel Mantzaris.

II. Approval of minutes

- Approval of minutes 5/12 /15

III. Reports

- Director's Report – Patricia Schneider
 - There will be a lot of staff turnover and Pat is working on staff transitioning and orienting.
 - There were additional funds added to the Early Childhood programming in this year's budget.

IV.

- Coordinator's Report – Patricia Michalak
 - **Camperships:** We made an announcement in the Mansfield Minute requesting donations. We now have \$4,300.00. We met with school staff to assist them in identifying qualifying students. Applications are coming in from parents. We expect to be able to assist all of the people who have applied up to this point.

- **LEAP:** Very excited about this new program. This is a transition program for 4th graders moving the middle school. Program will run on Jun 19th on the last full day of school. Tee shirts have been ordered, permission slips sent out and PE teachers are working on the schedule for the program. YSB staff will help facilitate the participants' transition to MMS' Sunshine Club through a luncheon in August.
- **Multi Family Therapy Group:** Dr. Haney continues to be a valuable asset to families we serve. Group continues to meet throughout the summer.
- **Parent Group:** We continue to meet monthly with parents of many of the children we work. Our aim is to provide support, continuity of service and assistance.
- **Mommy and Me:** The group will continue to meet over the summer. We will be training one of the participants to take on a facilitative role.
- **Webinars:** YSB staff has been participating in trainings on "Self-Injury Behavior in Youth" anxiety, and depression.
- **Purchases:** With the assistance of our grants, YSB staff purchased a therapeutic dollhouse for in-office groups and therapy. We also purchased an art easel, emotional expression material to be used with groups and individuals, and full-body harnesses for our LEAP ropes course program that make it possible for children with special needs to participate.
- **CYSA direct service day:** Staff attended a team building day with other Youth Services Bureaus. It was a productive way of strengthening our relationships with other professionals and also learning new team building activities to implement in our programs.
- **Submitted School Readiness Grant application –** Mansfield requested three additional school readiness slots and will be providing reimbursement for CPR/First Aid training for early care providers.
- **Website:** Content is being generated.
- **Mansfield Community Playground:** An RFP was put out for the playground design and a new designer was chosen.

V. Old Business:

- **Play Ground Update:** The Playground project has taken a different route and will become more of a volunteer assembling project instead of a volunteer build.

- **MAC Website Development:** The website is getting close to launching and will be a one stop website for everything Early Childhood including recourses and information on childhood friendly activities in Mansfield.
- **Challenge Program:** Staff and students is looking forward to leaving for the trip on the June 21st, 2015.

VI. New Business:

- **Last Meeting:** Advisory meetings will resume in September.

VII. Other:

- **None**

VIII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:30, September 8th, 2015 is the next meeting.